

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, June 14, 2011

Meeting location: University of Connecticut, Storrs - Bishop Center, Room 10

Committee members present: P. Barry, L. Chiappa, M. Hart, J. Hintz, A. Moran (*for Mayor Paterson*), C. Paulhus, J. Saddlemire, R. Schurin, N. Silander, W. Simpson, W. Wendt

Staff: M. Capriola, L. Painter (*Town*), A. Roe (*UConn*), C. van Zelm (*MDP*)

1. Call to Order

The June 14 meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. Committee members and staff introduced themselves to the new student Committee member, Lindsay Chiappa (*USG/Undergraduate Student Government*).

2. March 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes

C. Paulhus made the motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by N. Silander. The motion passed with one abstention (A. Moran).

3. May 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Paulhus made the motion to approve the minutes as printed, seconded by J. Hintz. The motion passed with one abstention (Moran).

4. Project Updates

- a. *Mansfield Community Campus Partnership.* Silander provided updates on the Healthy Campus Grant Initiative, the MCCC Spring Weekend discussion, and the Celeron bike path/fencing.
- b. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership.* C. van Zelm provided an update on the Bishop Center parking construction, the Publication Building demolition, and buildings on Dog Lane scheduled for demolition. The Storrs Center groundbreaking will be held on Wednesday, June 29, at 5p.m., followed by the Partnership's annual meeting.
- c. *Community Quality of Life Committee.* Moran provided an update on the nuisance house ordinance. The goal is for a public hearing to be held on the draft ordinance in July and for adoption of the ordinance to occur in August.
- d. *Police Services Study.* M. Hart provided an update. The draft report was submitted to Council on May 9. The Steering Committee is reviewing the draft with Connecticut State Police staff and UConn Police Department staff. During summer and early fall, the Steering Committee will seek feedback from four advisory committees: Town-University Relations, Public Safety, Mansfield Community-Campus Partnership, and Community Quality of Life. The Steering Committee will also provide a venue for the community at large to provide comments on the study and on service-delivery options.

5. Spring Weekend

Staff is working to schedule a Spring Weekend after-action review between the Town, Connecticut State Police, and UConn. USG received more than 2,000 survey responses from students regarding Spring Weekend 2011. Once the results are compiled, USG will report back to the Committee.

6. UConn Technology Park

A. Roe provided an update about the Tech Park. The bond bill for 7/1/11 has \$18 million authorized for the project, and the bill for 7/1/12 has \$154 million authorized. The Trustees are to be asked to grant authorization for the project next week. Of the authorized funding, \$7.5 million is allocated for additional water supply in the Town and at UConn. A joint environmental assessment to be conducted by the Town and University is expected to take 9-12 months to complete. There is also funding for the extension of North Hillside Road; a public hearing on the project is scheduled for June 27.